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10 band with a spring quality, said net support band being exterior to said handle, said spring quality of said net support band acting to bias said retraction mechanism toward said net end of said handle; and

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a netting mounted on said net support band.

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14. (Amended) A retractable fishing net, comprising:

a handle having a grip end and a net end, said net end having a T bar mounted rigidly thereto, said T bar being substantially orthogonal to said handle, said T bar having a first bar end and a second bar end, a first member extending from said first bar end, said first member defining 5 a first receiver, a second member extending from said second bar end, said second member defining a second receiver;

a retraction mechanism slidably mounted on said handle, said retraction mechanism being movable between said grip end and said net end;

a flexible net support band having a first band end and a second band end, said first band 10 end extending beyond said first receiver and mounted to said retraction mechanism external to said handle, said second band end extending beyond said second receiver and mounted to said retraction mechanism, said net support band thereby having a hoop shape, said net support band biasing against each of said first member of said first receiver and said second member of said second receiver; and

15 a netting mounted on said net support band.

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(Amended) 20. The retractable net of claim 14, wherein retraction mechanism includes a first mounting mechanism and a second mounting mechanism, said first band end being pivotally